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THE ABSENCE OF AMERICA'S CUP RACES HAS ITS ADVANTAGES.

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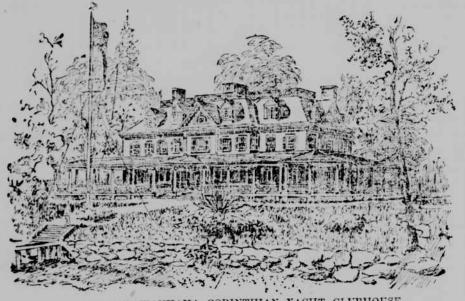
ACTIVE PREPARATIONS.

The fact that there will be no contest for the America's Cup in the coming season is a source of regret to many thousands of enthusiastic yachts-men, who know of no better sport than that of whipping the visiting yachtsmen. They know of no pleasure which is so great as to prove, no matter how perfect and how swift the builders on the Clyds fashion his craft, that they can always show Yankee creation capable of successfully defending the cup, which is the mark of yachting supremacy. Even with the recollection of the last international races fresh in the memory, and all the unpleasant incidents associated with Dunraven's efforts to win the cup still vividly before them, there are thousands of yachtsmen and lovers of the sport who sorrow that there will be no international con-test for the prize this season. They know that there are many yachtsmen in England who are anxious to add the America's Cup to their collection of plate, yachtsmen who-if they could win able sportsmen, to hold it. But in the light of what has taken place, it is hardly likely that any one of them will make an effort in that direction in the pear future. Englishmen frown upon the unsportsnlike methods of their countryman, which justi-

YACHTING CAN STAND IT. fun for the money which they invest. But such owners are no more yachtsmen than their guests, But the owner of the half-rater whose crew consists of one man besides himself must soon become famil-



According to a report recently printed, about fifty of the little craft are being built in Boston, and Charles A. Sherman, chairman of the Racing Com-



THE SEAWANHAKA CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUBHOUSE.

men in America. They know full well that the last representative of the Royal Yacht Squadron in an international contest showed himself to be a bad loser and a fault-finder, but, like Dick Deadeye, he was an Englishman. Remembering that fact, they will possibly hold off for some time and allow their patriotism to conquer their desire for the trophy. YACHTING STILL SURVIVES.

But that will not have a detrimental effect on American yachting, as some English papers seem Some well-known authorities think that giving the smaller classes more attention will be a boon to the sport and will serve to elevate it. It is evident, from the arrangements already made by the various clubs for the season which is near at hand, that there will be more yachting, more races, more meetings and larger and more prizes than

a good effect on the sport. The rules were formu-lated by the council of the Yacht Racing Union of Long Island Sound and were adopted at the con-vention which took place at the Fifth Avenue Hotel March 2. The council consisted of Oliver E. Cromwell, F. Boune Jones and E. Burton Hart, jr., who were assisted in making the necessary changes by F. E. Barnes, Le Grand L. Clark, Stuyvesant Wainwright and O. H. Chellborg. The new rules all govern the racing of club in or near New-York with the exception of the Atlantic, Larchmont and the New-York clubs. Among the clubs are the Scawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club, the Norwalk Yacht Club, Corinthian Fleet, Hariem Yacht Club, Stamford Yacht Club, New-York Athletic Club Yacht Club, New-Rochelle Yacht Club, Indian Harbor Yacht Club, Horseshoe | eighteen classes. A prize of to is offered for each

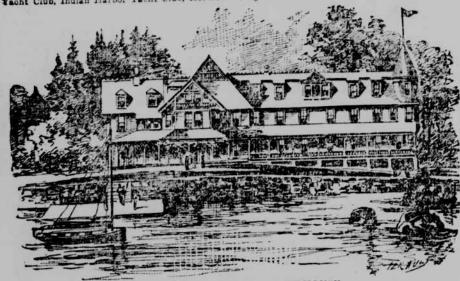
fled his expulsion from the foremost body of yachts- | mitttee of the Seawanhaka Club, has received inquiries from various parts of the country as to the requirements for competition for the Seawanhaka Cup, which was won by the Ethelwynn last year

TITANS OF THE FLEETS.

In the schooner class the contests between Emerald and the new Colonia will be watched with much interest. The Ariel and the Amerita will also Commodore Gould has decided that the Vigilant shall not be put in commission. Whatever the New-York Yacht Club intends to do in the way of racing and cruising will be made known jater. The arrangements for the Goelet Cup races will be made public by the Regatta Committee.

The races of the New-York Yacht Club are all strictly club affairs and open only to members. The fleet consists of 220 vessels, of which about two-fifths are steamers, and all of which are of fifteen tons or over. The tonnage of the fleet amounts to 23,253.65. The amendment to the bylaws which was passed at the meeting last Thursday, by which owners of vessels of ten tons may new arrangement may fly the club flag, but they

ATLANTIC CLUB PROGRAMME. Club, consisting of John L. Files, Henry J. Glelow, David E. Austen, W. L. Gerrish and George W. McNulty, has prepared a programme for the sea-



LARCHMONT YACHT CLUBHOUSE.

Riverside Yacht Club, Hempstead Harbor Yacht in the Upper Bay on June 6. There will also be a Club, Huntington Yacht Club, Douglaston Yacht competition on that day for the Adams plate. The Club and the Huguenot Yacht Club.

The council, in addition to making the uniform yachting rules, defined the term "Corinthianism" yachting and submitted a programme of races on Long Island Sound. This programme will alone provide yachting amusement enough to satisfy the average yachtsman. The schedule was drawn with to allowing the various clubs the dates which they applied for, and with one or two exceptions there will be no clashing. The schedule in cludes the races of most of the important organizations except the New-York and Atlantic clubs.

INTEREST IN HALF-RATERS.

The new thirty-foot class will be the favorite one in the coming season, although there will be considerable attention paid to the thirty-four-footers. About twenty thirty-footers are being built now, and their performances will be watched with keen in-terest. Another feature of the coming season will be the half-rater races, for which elaborate prepara-tions are being made. The Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club has offered a cup to be raced for by the little fellows which will be known as the "Scawan-haka International Challenge Cup for Small Yachts." It will be open to yachts between fifteen and twenty-five feet racing length, and its possession is already coveted by yachtsmen in all parts of the country and in Canada and Europe. In the deed of gift it is stated that the cup shall be preserved as a perpetual challege cup for friendly competition between foreign countries. Scores of half-raters are being built with a view to defending the cup, and there can be no doubt that the contests will be

Any organized yacht club in good standing of any ountry foreign to the country of the yacht club in whose custody the cup may be shall always have the right to challenge for the cup. Yachtsmen who are fond of the sport and who make efforts to acquire perfection in the art of sailing are pleased the perfection in the art of sailing are pleased it the prominence given to the half-rater, and the word of large vessels who carry little fellows board the larger craft are doing as much as any ther class of yachtsmen to encourage the promence of the diminutive boats. An increase in half-ters, it is urged, will result in an increase in completent yachtsmen. One prominent yachtsman said:

Most owners of large yachts hire captains and rews to sail their vessels for them. They become iterested passengers, and they doubtless have much with the prominence given to the half-rater, and the pwners of large vessels who carry little fellows ther class of yachtsmen to encourage the promhence of the diminutive boats. An increase in half-raters, it is urged, will result in an increase in competent yachtsmen. One prominent yachtsman said: 'Most owners of large yachts hire captains and

Harbor Yacht Club, Knickerbocker Yacht Club, | class. A regatta for special classes will take place competition on that day for the Adams plate. The prizes will amount to \$225. On June 13 there will be racces in sx sloop classes and three cat classes for the Adams plate and for the Washington cup. There will be a "smoker" at the clubbouse in the evening. The Adams plate, valued at \$300, is the gift of Vice-Commodore Frederick T. Adams, and the Washington cup, valued at \$200, was presented by Allen C. Washington.

The annual reguits, open to all clubs, will take place on June 16. There will be five classes of schooners, ten of sloops and three of cathoais. The Gould cups, valued at \$1,500, presented by Commodore George J. Gould, will be sailed for all this regaits.

The annual cruise of the club will begin on July 3, with the rendezvous at Larchmont, and the squadron will dishand on Sunday, July 12. Prizes to the value of over \$5.00 will be sailed for; among



COLONEL DAVID E. AUSTEN.

The Sound season will be opened by the Hugueno Club on May 16. Among the yachting features

May 23-New-Rochelle special. May 30-Harlem annual regatio. June 6-Krickerbocker annual.

which will follow are:

Reputta of the Larchmont Club and also

June 18-Douglaston annual.

June 29-Regutta of the Larchmont Club and also
of the Waterside Club.

June 21-New-Rochelle annual and also the Seawanhaka Corinthian Club annual.

June 29-Stamford special.

June 29-Indian Harbor special.

July 1-Corinthian Fleet annual.

July 2-Horseshos Harbor special.

July 2-American annual.

July 4-Larchmont annual. On this day special attention will be given to 34s and 46s.

July 18-Larchmont open regatta. Second 20 and 34
class racers. class racers.

July 20-Larchment special. Third racers for 368 and 38 and half-raters.

July 21-Contest for the Larchment Eastward and

July 21—Contest for the Larenmont Eastward and Westward cup.
July 22—Larenmont special. Cabin cats, Mangus cup; 34s and 30s, fourth race; 21s and half-raters. July 23—Larenmont special, for schooners. July 24—Larenmont special. Fifth race for 34s and

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July 25—Larchmont sixth races 34s and 39s.
July 25—Sea Ceff Club annual.
August 1—Indian Harbor annual. Also the Corinhian fleet special races.
August 8—New-Rochelle special. Also Hempstead

nd 30s (seventh race). Lerchmont fail regatta and eighth mber 12-Larchmont special for schooners and n Harbor special, tember 19-American fell regatta and Stamford September 26-Sea Cliff special. Riverside fall re

The Tappan Zee Yacht Club will open its season of the Long Island Racing Union and the will consist of five races, and the heat winning

POLITICS IN RHODE ISLAND.

REPUBLICANS SURE OF VICTORY AND DEMOCRATS

plored member of the present General Assembly in Providence failed of renomination, and there are threats made by a faction of the colored voters that they will vote on masse for the Dema-cratic candidates. It is hardly believed, however,

that this threat will be carried out.

The only candidate on the Republican State ticket who is in any danger of defeat is Attorney-General Dubols. While Mr. Dubols has proved himself to be the ablest Attorney-General Revers has been been allowed by the statement of the control of the contr eral Rogers, he has incurred the opposition of the temperance element of the party by, as they say showing undue leniency toward offenders against the liquor law. The Prohibition party have nomi-nated a strong candidate against him in James A. Williams, and he has been stumping the State in a vigorous manner in his own interest. It is, of course, possible that enough Republicans may vote for Williams to elect George T. Frown, the Demofor Williams to elect George T. Frown, the Demo-cratic candidate. A peculiar complication comes into the case right here. George T. Brown, the lawyer and Democratic nominee, lives at No. 14 Congress-ave. George T. Brown, a bookleeper, lives at No. 27 Almy-st. The official ballots bear the name of "George T. Brown, No. 27 Almy-st."

while there is no doubt of the intent of the Democratic Convention to nominate the lawyer, George
T. Brown, the question arises, can George
T. Brown, of No 14 Congress-ave, be sworn into the
office to which the voters may have elected George
T. Brown, of No. 27 Aimy-si.?
There are factional fights for members of the
General Assembly in several towns. In Cranston,
Sennter Merril was defeated for renomination in
the Republican caucus, and is a lively candidate on
an independent ticket, and may be elected over
the regular nominee. In Westerly ex-United States
Senator Nathan F. Dixon was defeated for nomination as second representative in the Republican
caucus. His friends, including such prominent
members of the party as George H. Utter and
Samuel H. Cross, will not support Mr. Price, the
regular nominee, for local reasons. In that town,
the Prohibition party is the second party, and a
large section of the Republicans will support the
Pholibition nomince for second representative.
The Democrats have made no nomination for second
representative, and therefore the fight is between
the Republicans and Pronibitionists. A local question of whether the town shalf furnish its own
water works, or continue to purchase its water
from the Westerly Water Company, is the question at issue rather than jurity politics. The enforcement of the liquor law is also involved in the
discussion.

In this city, Pawiucket, East Providence and

forcement of the inquoi law is ast Providence and discussion. In this city, Pawincket, East Providence and Central Falls, a lively campaign is in progress on the question of license or no license. The no-license people are confident of success in Pawincket and of polling a large vote in Providence. The retail liquor dealers here are somewhat alarmed at the prospect, and held a secret meeting on Friday to consider ways and means for securing an afternative vote. The caucuses this week for the selection of delegates to the Republican State and District conventions, to be held in this city on April 10, were devoid of incident, there being no opposition in any ward to the regular state. While there is every indication of the election of a Reed delegation to St. Louis, there will be some enthusiastic McKinley men in the State Convention.

READY TO ALLOT LAND.

The application station for the assignment of count of the stormy weather there have been few applications. The Committee on the Cultivation of Vacant Lots has been carefully making preparaof Vacant Lots has been carefully making prepara-tions for the work through the winter. At the last meeting, it was decided to accept the additional offer of ninety acres from William Steinway. The application station has been opened at No. 15 Cooper Union. To charitable societies or individuals who are desirous of alding people to help themselves, the plan of the committee is of great value. In as-signing land, preference will be given to men with families, who are out of work. BONE ALLEY UNDER THE BAN IT WILL PROBABLY MAKE WAY FOR A

SMALL PARK. A TYPICAL CLUSTER OF REAR TENEMENTS

"SCRAPS" ARE THE CHOICEST AMUSEMENTS FOR THE INHABITANTS-WHAT ONE "LIT-

probability be a thing of the past, and the ground where it now stands, with its filthy tenement-houses, will no longer be a menace to the health of the neighborhood, but a beauty needed. The report of the Board of Health, which the block bounded by East Houston, Willett, Pitt and Stanton sts., and which contains the famous "Bone Alley," for the site of a small park. Walk ing along any of these streets but one, a person would get no idea of the mass of humanity contained in these houses. But if the pedestrian walks along the Willett-st. side of the block, he comes suddenly upon the famous alley, and sees at its end



AN INTERIOR IN BONE ALLEY.

the row of tenement-houses, whose inhabitants in the past have made things lively with their quarrels and fights, and who are to-day living in equalor and

stories high. Each of these houses holds about living seventy-five families. It being estimated father, mother and three children-and this is dred persons in the buildings.

attempt to keep the place clean. Dirt and flith of ORIGIN OF THE NAME.

ts it called Bone Alley? Years ago al-

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FIVE NEW CITY PARKS.

COMMISSIONERS CONSIDERING THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTIES.

TENEMENT-HOUSES OF "LITTLE ITALY" TO BE WIPED OUT-ATTRACTIVE BREATHING SPOTS FOR UPPER MANHATTAN ISLAND.

are five special Park Commissioners now holding sessions from time to time for the appraisal property to be taken for pleasure grounds for the people of this city. These Commissioners were appointed by the General Term of the Supreme idea was to lay out these breathing spaces before the upward march of population should make the problem an extremely difficult one. However, one of the parks proposed, the only designation of which is "Little Italy," was already densely populated. This district lies between One-hundred-and-eleventh and One-hundred-and-fourteenth sts. and First-ave, and the East River. The destruction of these homes of poverty would in itself be a diset advantage to the city.

The five parks projected under the Laws of 1894, egal work on which is now being pushed, are known as the Colonial, the Fort Washington, the las, the Riverside Extension and "Little

The projected Colonial Park will extend from

One-hundred-and-forty-fifth to One-hundred-andbetween Elsecombe and Bradhurst Washington Heights, and curves into One-hun-dred-and-fifty-fifth-st. at the western end of the If continued directly north it would run into the Harlem River Driveway, but on crossing One-hundred-and-lifty-fifth-st, the avenue is turned to the west, and continues on up to and past the



still clings to it. If those who lived there in those days were like the ones who live there now, the bones which they found in household refuse, and from which they made a living, were no bonier or harder than they. The life of the ash-barrel is the copy life, they have and after a certain length of remind one of what Merningship Park was before only life they know, and, after a certain length of time, the sunshine and air are things to be shunned it was laid out in its present attractive form. There and kept away from, instead of a delight and are 225 lots in the Colonial Park area. Houses have

ment-houses lives an old woman who for over fifty years has made her home in Bone Alley. For many years she was the housekeeper of the five tenementthe police so much trouble. As the reporter talked

IN THE GOOD GLD DAYS.

used to have a scrap now and then, but 'boys will be boys,' you know." The old woman laughed as have been heard. Charles D. Olendorf, an assisshe said this and did not deny that a fight even now

was not an unheard of thing.

The people in the Bone Alisy tenement-houses do not pay much for their homes, and they get no more than they pay for. Two little rooms (the Tayler of these special park matters for the people in the little rooms). There is one piece of property largest one of them, lixil, serving for dining-room, parlor, sitting-room and kitchen, and the other, about 7x10, being the one bedroom) are all that most of them can afford. The Tribune reporter went up into one of these rooms. The father and mother were away from home, but six little children-the oldest of them could not have been more than

"Where is your mamma?" the reporter asked.
"She's gone out," answered the oldest of the lot,
"I don't know where she's gone to."
"What does your papa do for a living?"

HER FATHER'S OCCUPATION.

She was a pretty child, dresed neatly, and as she soked into the strange face that had intruded upon | Hall scheme her she said softly but firmly: "He looks for work." The little one seemed strangely out of place in these haunts of flith. Her clean frock, the intelligence

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In one of the upper rooms of one of these tenelent-houses lives an old woman who for over fifty
ent-houses lives an old woman who for over fifty

The commission having in charge the appraisal of lands for Colonial Park consists of Thomas P. Wickes, formerly an assistant corporation counsel; Pierre Van Buren Hoes, and Conrad Harres. ened and her watery eyes once more gave out the Charles F. Griffin is the secretary. Mr. Harres is light that used to lighten them when the toughs of | a real estate dealer and president of the Twelfth Bone Alley exercised their muscles and gave the neighborhood a "run for their money." in June, 1894. Property-owners in the dwelling-house area in One-hundred-and-forty-fifth-st, con-"Yes," she said, "I have lived here for nigh on to sixty years. When I first came here there were no houses to cut off our view of the street. Those were good old times. The rent was cheaper and there were trees in front of the house and benches there were trees in front of the house and benches there were trees in front of the house and benches the control of the house and the control of the house and benches the control of the house and the control of the house area in One-hundred-and-forty-fifth-st, contested the constitutionality of the act, but they were defeated in the Court of Appeals, and the Commissioners held their first meeting in Duce. under them, and we used to enjoy ourselves as if mony had been taken, and the number now bound we were fiving on what you call Fifth-ave. Yes, we in volume form is 2,425 pages.

tant corporation counsel, who has general charge of these special park matters for the city, said the other day that the city's real estate experts would

Park district which has excited some interest, embraces eighteen lots, and lies between One-hundred-and-fiftieth and One-hundred-and-fifty-first sts. The story has been current that Mr. Felix was merely a dummy for Richard Croker. He is a brother-in-law of Patrick Fox, familiarly spoken of as "Pat" Fox throughout this part of the city, who is a prominent Tammany man. The fact that Thomas L. Feitner, a former Tax Commissioner and Police Justice, had bought property nearly opposite the Felix plot, between Edgecombe-ave, and St. Nicholas Place, had stimulated the suspicion that the laying out of Colonial Park was a Tammany

TAMMANY HOLDERS OF REAL ESTATE. Thomas F. Gilroy's family has bought seven lots on the south side of One-hundred-and-forty-ninthst., between Amsterdam and Convent aves., at a point near the junction of St. Nicholas-ave. and

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is John F. Whelan, a Tax Commissioner un Mayor Gilroy, and a lawyer who appears for property-owners before the Colonial Park Commission erty-owners before the Colonial Park Commission-ers. Another active lawyer before the Colonial Park Commissioners, as well as before all those special park commissions, is James A. Deering, of No. 15 Wall-st. Mr. Deering bears the reputation of being the real estate guide, comforter and friend of Thomas F. Gilroy. He is himself a large owner of property along St. Nicholas Terrace, in and north of One-hundred-and-thirty-sixth-st.

and north of One-hundred-and-thirty-sixth-st. The property which Thomas L. Feitner, ex-Tax Commissioner, secured is known as the old Faye mansion. It lies in One-hundred-and-fifty-third-st., between St. Nicholas Place and Edgecombe-ave. It is denied by those who profess to have an inside view of the matter that Mr. Feitner bid in this property in behalf of Mr. Croker. Mr. Feitner boucht the property in March, 1893, at a sale ordered by the executors of the estate of Thomas Faye.

A PARK ALONG THE HUDSON.

The proceedings for the acquisition of the prop erty for Fort Washington Park are about no so far as the work of the special commission is concerned. The Commissioners of Appraisal for this park are William W. MacFarland, formerly of Tracy, Boardman & Platt; William B. Ellison, a lawyer of No. 229 Broadway, and Dr. Matthew Chalmers. Fort Washington Park, as projected, lies between the Boulevard Lafayette and the Hudson River, and what should be One-hundred-and-seventy-first and One-hundred-and-eighty-fourth The Boulevard Lafayette begins at Audubon Park and One-hundred-and-fifty-sixth-st., and skirts the Hudson River up to Inwood.

Some 2,500 pages of testimony have been taken in the appraisal of the lands to be used for this park. The Fort Washington Park Commission began its work about simultaneously with the Colonial Park Commission, having been appointed in July,

An interesting feature of this park is that it takes in old Fort Washington Point, the historic ground where Washington is said to have landed in crossing over from New-Jersey to prosecute his campaign against the British in possession of New-York. The park will cover about forty acres. The lots are valued by their owners at as high a figure as \$4,000. There is, of course, a pronounced dis-crepancy between the values placed on the property by the owners and by the city's experts. The total estimate of the owners is \$1,500,000. The estimate put upon it by the Corporation Counsel's experts is

property.

This park takes in the Isaac P. Martin property at the Fort Washington station and also the Haven estate at the Point. The old redoubt erected by Washington's order remains as a reminder of the struggles of the Revolution.

A SITE WITH A HANDSOME VIEW.

The bulk of St. Nicholas Park, as projected, lies between St. Nicholas-ave. and St. Nicholas Terrace, and between One-hundred-and-thirtieth and One-hundred-and-forty-first sts. The park, however, has an "L" extension consisting of two blocks be-tween One-hundred-and-thirty-sixth and One-hundred-and-thirty-eighth sts., running over to Amsterdam-ave. This extension will afford a park frontage to the Hebrew Orphan Asylum in Amsterdam-ave. It is understood that the extension was made for the benefit of this institution. St Nicholas Terrace skirts the high ground above and west of Nicholas-ave. The outlook from it is magnificent. One may have a view from here far up the Harlem River and away to Long Island Sound. The Commissioners engaged in appraising the values of property for St. Nicholas Park are John H. Judge, Thomas C. T. Crain, ex-City Chamberlain, and Thomas C. Dunham, ex-State Senator. There are lots in the proposed park area between St. Nicholas Terrace and St. Nicholas-ave, which are seventy feet lower at the eastern end than at the western, and yet property-owners and their ex-perts are putting a \$10,000 valuation upon them. The city, through Mr. Olendorf, is fighting such claims tooth and nail. The testimony of the ex-

The city, through Mr. Olendorf, is fighting such claims tooth and nail. The testimony of the experts for the property-owners has all been put in. The city's testimony will be begun on April 2.

The Riverside Park extension takes in all the land under water which the city does not already own along the present park. This extension is west of the Hudson River Railroad tracks and between Seventy-second and One-hundred-and-twenty-ninth sis, except between Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first its, and between the centres of the blocks Ninety-fourth to Ninety-fifth sis, and Ninety-seventh to Ninety-eighth sis, where the land has been devoted to commercial purposes.

The Commissioners of Appraisal for this extension are Edward V. Loew, ex-Controller of the city; Grosvenor S. Hubbard, a lawyer, and Senator Charles L. Guy. The titles to this property are much complicated, as is generally the case in this city with lands under water. The work of appraisal is going on slowly.

The Commissioners appraising values for the park called "Little Italy," already referred to, are Richard V. Harnett, the well-known real estate broker; Abraham Kling and Edmund L. Mooney. Procis of value have been put in for some of the blocks, and the city is now offering its testimony. The commission meets in the Stewart Building, Room No. 13. William M. Ivins is sepecial counsel for the city in the appraisal of this property.

Of the five proposed parks under consideration, is expected, according to Mr. Olendorf, that the report on the Fort Washington Park appraisals will be the first to be put in, and that the will be ready within a for meets.